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**SACRAMENTO GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that TERRY LEE GARRETT, 38, of Sacramento, California, was sentenced yesterday by Chief United States District Judge David F. Levi to 10 years in federal prison followed by 3 years of federal supervised release. The defendant previously pleaded guilty on June 5, 2006 to two separate counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm in violation of federal law.

This case is the product of an extensive joint investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Sacramento Police Department as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN). PSN is a United States Department of Justice initiative to reduce gun violence by networking existing local programs that target gun crime and providing those programs with the additional tools and resources, including enhanced coordination among federal, state, and local law enforcement, with an emphasis on heightened federal prosecutions. When prosecuted in federal court, felons possessing firearms typically receive much harsher sentences than in state court. Additionally defendants must serve 85% of their sentence, and then are subject to supervised release in the community. For additional information on the PSN initiative, please go to [www.psn.gov](http://www.psn.gov).

According to Assistant United States Attorney Jason Hitt, who prosecuted the case, GARRETT was a validated member of the Oak Park Bloods street gang with an extensive criminal history of felonies for violent crimes and drug trafficking.

In his guilty plea, GARRETT admitted that, on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2005, he fled from police near the intersection of 25th and F Streets in midtown Sacramento. As he fled from police, GARRETT threw a loaded .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol into the mud of an apartment complex on F Street. GARRETT eluded police until May 11, 2005, when the Sacramento Police Department's Career Criminal Apprehension Team ("CCAT") discovered GARRETT driving in south Sacramento. GARRETT again fled from police, leaving a loaded .9mm firearm in his car. GARRETT was captured, and subsequently indicted by a federal grand jury on May 25, 2005.

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